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Kind Continues to Urge Congress to Act on Critical 9/11 Commission Recommendations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - After yesterday's special meeting of the Democratic Caucus with the Chairmen of the 9/11 Commission, Rep. Kind reiterated his call for a full and open debate on the comprehensive legislation to improve national security and prevent terrorist attacks, so intelligence reform can be implemented without further delay.

"We now know we were not as safe as we should have been on September 11th," said Rep. Kind. "Because of the historic, bipartisan work of the 9/11 Commission, we are ready to take the necessary steps to focus our efforts, improve our security, and ensure that this type of attack never happens again. Now that the 9/11 Commission has done its job, we need to do ours."

Over the past few weeks, House majority leadership has refrained from calling the House back into session to immediately begin debate on the commission's critical recommendations, expressing doubt about whether Congress would have time to consider them this year. To avoid any further delay, Kind sent a letter to Speaker Hastert before the House adjourned in July to reconvene Congress for a special session so it can begin debate on these recommendations immediately. Yesterday, Democratic Leadership sent a letter to the President asking him to use his constitutional authority to call the Congress back into session.

"As we go forward, we cannot afford any partisanship in how we discuss the safety of the American people," said Rep. Kind. "We cannot afford to delay the decisions that we make in the Congress to minimize the risks associated with terrorism. Partisan politics should be put aside so we can take the first step towards quickly and carefully implementing the 9/11 Commission's recommendations."